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Man Sentenced to 30 Months for Sexually Assaulting Nine-Year-Old

Washington, D.C. - Marquette Jenkins, age 18, formerly of the 900 block of Ridge Road, SE, was sentenced on June 18, 2010, by the Honorable Gerald Fisher in the Superior Court of Washington, D.C. to 30 months incarceration followed by 10 years of supervised release for Attempt First Degree Child Sexual Abuse, United States Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced today. The defendant must also register as a sexual offender for the remainder of his life.

The defendant plead guilty on March 19, 2010. According to evidence presented at the plea hearing, on August 17, 2008, the defendant, who was 17 years old, was staying with the 9-year-old victim's family for a few days. Prior to this, the victim had very limited contact with the defendant. At approximately 9:00 p.m., the victim and defendant left the house to walk to the store. On their way, the defendant pulled the victim into the woods as she screamed and fought to stop him. He then pulled his and the victim's pants and undergarments down and sexually assaulted her.

In announcing the sentence, United States Attorney Machen praised the work of Detective Kenneth Carter and Mobile Crime Lab Technician Stephen Griffin. He also praised the work of paralegal Jason Manual, legal assistant Tiffany Jones and victim advocate Iris Vega. Finally, he commended Assistant United States Attorneys Sharon Donovan and Sarah McClellan, who investigated the case and presented it in court.

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